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No one will deny that the Oregonian, while more than a year behindhand in getting started, has lately done creditable work in pushing Portland's demand for a share of the government's transport business. It is difficult, however, to see the applicability of some of the arguments the Oregonian uses. The government certainly stands in no need of information as to the condition of the river channel between Astoria and Portland. These facts have been repeatedly promulgated by the government's own agents and the depth of water from Portland to the sea is plainly laid down on the charts supplied to every naval vessel. No survey has ever been made of the Columbia river or any of its tributaries except by government engineers and out of funds appropriated by the government. Thus the government has paid for all information there is extant on the subject and is in possession of all it is possible for any one to know about it. Only a few weeks ago Major Fisk filed his last report with the war department, wherein he stated the maximum depth of the Columbia and Willamette rivers between the Astoria seaport and Portland at 19 feet. What use, therefore, is it for the Oregonian to multiply words about the channel's depth; nothing that paper can assert will rub out these official figures of the government. The grounding of the steamer Columbia a few days ago above Tongue point, fairly in the channel, with the experience of the ship Standard at the mouth of the Willamette, on her four days' voyage down the river, speaks more forcibly than any assertion the Oregonian can make as to the size of the ships that can be accommodated in the Portland channel. But suppose the government needed instruction in this direction, what light could it possibly obtain from the Oregonian's table showing the DEPTH of vessels which have made the trip down from Portland? The question of navigating the Columbia river has to do with a vessel's DRAFT; not her DEPTH. The depth of a ship is no better criterion of the water she may draw than the measurement of her mast would be. The Great Eastern is a deeper ship than the Oceanic is, yet the Great Eastern drew seven feet less water than the Oceanic does. What bearing, then, does the Oregonian's parade of the 23-foot depth of a few irregular tramps, employed by the railroad combination to carry out the fiction of the "Oriental" line from Portland and thus scare off competition with Seattle on the Asiatic commerce, have to do with determining the practicability of loading government transports at Portland? Doesn't the Oregonian know that many of the Atlantic steamers carry a depth of over 60 feet on a draft ranging from 22 to 30 feet? Judged by the same rule of proportion, what does the Oregonian's "argument" thus make out the draft of Portland's so-called Oriental liners to be? Surely the Oregonian does not expect to fool the government with any such clap trap as this. No, the Oregonian can have but one object in publishing these pretended statistics relating to the depth of water in the Portland channel. It is to inflame the narrow and non-nautical minds of Portland people with the pretence that Shafter and the war department are hired to ship soldiers and war supplies from other ports. There are plenty of good reasons why Oregon should have a share of the transport business. Plenty of good reasons, indeed, why some of the transports that can really get to Portland should be loaded there. To send the Thirty-fifth regiment to Manila, in fact, by any other route than the Columbia river would be a fraud on

the government. The Oregonian is the bell-weather organ of the railroad combination. That paper surely knows that the true reason why government transports haven't yet been loaded at Portland is because the railroads are under agreement to send that business elsewhere. It isn't the government that discriminates against the Columbia river route to the sea; it is the railroads, under an infamous compact which limits Portland to the function of an inland wheat market, and throws general commerce of all sorts to the ports of Puget sound and San Francisco. It is to be feared the Oregonian would not be now found agitating government transport business at Portland but for an uprising among Portland people. The government has been sailing transports from the Pacific coast for over a year; why has the Oregonian not put in a demand for this business long ago? Is it because the Oregonian is controlled by the railroads and dares not discuss any public question which tends to expose the deals under which the entire transportation business of the Northwest has been parcelled out among the members of the railroad combination?

Nearly all women look forward to the joys of motherhood with much dread and anxiety. Only after the baby has safely arrived and made a warm little place for himself in the mother's heart, does she fairly realize that it was indeed a good angel who brought this wee nestling to brighten and sweeten her life. Women who are approaching motherhood with a sense of fear and solicitude, or in a weakened physical condition, need the help of that marvelous "Favorite Prescription," invented by Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician of the Invalids Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., and designed expressly to restore healthy vigor to the delicate feminine structure involved in motherhood. It takes away all of the danger and most of the pain attendant upon motherhood, and confers on the baby that lusty hardihood which is a joy to a mother's heart. An Ohio lady, Mrs. L. Hoffmire of Clarington, Monroe Co., in a letter to Dr. Pierce, says: "I had always been healthy until four years ago before the birth of my child. I suffered almost death a dozen times. Had what I call milk fever for four years. Could not stand it to be on my feet, long at a time without feeling dreadfully. Before my last baby was born, I had every symptom of a return of the trouble. My leg swelled badly. I read of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, and thought I would try it. I took six bottles, and when my baby was born I was not sick at all. I was out of labor, which lasted only a short time. In times previous, labor had lasted twelve to fifteen hours. I am a well woman today, and have been since I got out of bed, when my little boy was nine days old. I give the credit all to Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I will never do without it during such a time."

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